

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1182

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the 2009-2010 Austin Peay State University women's basketball team and Head Coach Carrie Daniels on winning the Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to salute the accomplishments of the State's great collegiate athletic teams, those that work hard, make the necessary sacrifices, achieve success, and provide entertainment for large numbers of fans; and

WHEREAS, the 2009-2010 Austin Peay State University women's basketball team is one such estimable team, which under the capable direction of Head Coach Carrie Daniels, captured its second consecutive Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) tournament championship; and

WHEREAS, finishing the Ohio Valley Conference with a regular season record of eleven wins and seven losses, the Lady Govs of Austin Peay earned the third seed in the OVC Tournament, where they faced Tennessee Tech in the opening round; and

WHEREAS, vanquishing the squad from Tennessee Tech by a score of 79-61 behind the tremendous play of Ashley Herring, who scored twenty-two points, Whitney Hanley, who added eighteen points, and Nicole Jamen who posted a double-double of thirteen points and fifteen rebounds, the Lady Govs would face Morehead State in the semi-finals; and

WHEREAS, playing Morehead State for the third time this season, the Lady Govs claimed their only victory in the three games as they won by a score of 78-71 with Ms. Herring valiantly overcoming an ankle injury to play all forty minutes as she, Ms. Hanley, and Jasmine Rayner all scored double figures while Ms. Jamen once again posted a double-double to advance to the finals; and

WHEREAS, standing in the way of Austin Peay's second consecutive OVC Tournament Championship and their seventh trip to the NCAA Tournament was Eastern Illinois, a team that had defeated the Lady Govs by thirty-one points just nine days earlier; and

WHEREAS, showcasing the heart, desire, and resolute tenacity that came to define the 2009-2010 Lady Govs, the women from Clarksville defeated Eastern Illinois by a score of 69-60, with all five starters scoring in double figures as Brooke Faulkner added ten points, Ms. Hanley scored twelve points, Ms. Herring posted fifteen points and nine rebounds, Ms. Rayner bagged twelve points and ten boards for her second double-double, and Ms. Jamen tallied nineteen points and eleven rebounds to claim a double-double in each game of the tournament; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the players' outstanding performances throughout the season and in the tournament, Austin Peay Lady Govs Junior Ashley Herring was named First Team All-OVC and Senior Nicole Jamen was named Second Team All-OVC, with both young women named to the OVC All-Tournament Team as Ms. Herring took top honors as the 2010 OVC Tournament Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding young women of the 2010 OVC Champion Austin Peay Lady Govs are: Salem Richardson, Darcie Warner, Alex Bivens, Jasmine Rayner, Whitney Hanley, Neika Smith, Lauren Jones, Brooke Faulkner, Nikki Talley, Ashley Herring, Nicole Jamen, Dalila Thomas, Kaitlyn Hill, and Meghan Bussabarger; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Daniels was aided in her leadership by a highly capable pair of assistants, Marcus Payne and Laphelia Doss; the team also benefited from the efforts of Graduate Assistant Chism McEntire and Volunteer Assistant Charlotte Marshall; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding spirit, the Austin Peay Lady Govs have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the 2009-2010 Austin Peay State University women's basketball team and Head Coach Carrie Daniels on winning the Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship and making their seventh NCAA tournament

appearance, as we extend to them our best wishes for continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.